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OF THE
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(0800 EST)

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no military attack on the United States or

its overseas forces in the near future.

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